

Comments on the amendments to the claims.

Only claims 67 and 110 have been amended, the amendment being to present
5 the alternatives as members of a Markush group of the type recommended by MPEP
2173.05(h). It is submitted that the amendments make no substantial difference to the
meaning of claims, but are desirable for consistency with the wording of claims 59 and
66. The amendment to claim 67 modifies an amendment made by the Examiner's
Amendment. For the sake of the record, it is noted that the Examiner left a telephone
10 message for the undersigned stating that he was proposing to amend claim 67 in the
way set out in the Examiner's Amendment, and that when the undersigned returned the
Examiner's call, it was too late to make the amendment now requested.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is as follows:

The closest prior art, Kaneshige et al., 4,877,557, does not disclose 50 to 100% by weight of units derived from at least one n-alkyl acrylate in which the n-alkyl group contains 12 to 50 carbon atoms.

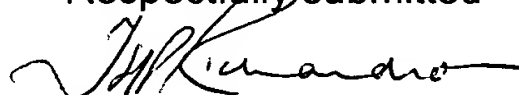
For the sake of completeness, the following matters should be noted.

(1). Many of the allowed claims, for example Claims 68-70, 72, 73, 77, 84-91 and 100-120, do not require the presence of 50 to 100% by weight of units derived from at least one n-alkyl acrylate in which the n-alkyl group contains 12 to 50 carbon atoms.

(2). Kaneshige et al. was first relied upon in the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, and was relied upon only to reject claims 110-119. That rejection was withdrawn after those claims had been amended to exclude colorants, pigments and silicones from the list of possible additives. Kaneshige et al. has not been relied upon to reject any other allowed claim.

(3). There have been numerous rejections relying upon references other than Kaneshige et al. Those rejections have been withdrawn for the reasons set out in the file history.

Respectfully submitted



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